



Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD)

The U.S. Embassy in Morocco is pleased to announce the 2017 the Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD).

The deadline for submitting your on-line application is December 31, 2016, 10:00 p.m. GMT.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION

The Global Undergraduate Exchange Program (Global UGRAD) is a one-semester study program at a university in the United States sponsored by the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs and administered by World Learning. This international educational and cultural exchange program brings future young leaders to the United States to experience the U.S. educational system, enhance their knowledge and professional skills, and explore U.S. society, culture and values. It also affords participants the opportunity to share their cultures and traditions with people in the United States. This is a non-degree program. It is the students' responsibility to check with their home institutions whether any credits accumulated during the Global UGRAD program will be transferred.

Global UGRAD is conducted as a merit-based open competition. All academic fields of study are eligible. Qualified applicants will be reviewed by a selection panel. Selected participants will be enrolled in full-time, non-degree, undergraduate course work chosen from their host institution's existing curriculum. Participants will be required to take one, 3-credit U.S. Studies course to enhance their understanding of the United States. Participants will live in campus housing facilities with American peers, and will be required to participate in 20 hours of community service.

The scholarship will cover international travel, tuition, room and board, accident/sickness insurance, a monthly stipend, and funding for books.

WHO CAN APPLY?

- 1- Applicants must be Moroccan citizens, currently residing in Morocco;
- 2- Applicants must be at least 18 years of age at the time of application;
- 3- Applicants must be enrolled in full-time undergraduate studies;
- 4- Applicants must have at least one semester or an equivalent term to complete at their home institutions upon completion of the Global UGRAD Program;
- 5- Applicants must demonstrate a command of written and spoken English. The TOEFL exam will be required later for the students who will be selected as finalists or alternates;
- 6- Applicants must demonstrate leadership potential through academic work, community involvement, extracurricular and volunteering activities;
- 7- Applicants must be able to begin studies in the United States in August 2017 or January 2018 (selected participants may not defer to a later date);
- 8- Preference will be given to applicants who have had little or no experience in the U.S. or outside Morocco;
- 9- Applicants must be committed to return directly to Morocco after the completion of the program.

HOW TO APPLY?

To apply for the Global UGRAD program, please complete the online application at <http://bit.ly/1O7tmT0>

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Please download [here](#) the **step-by-step student instructions** on how to apply for Global UGRAD.
- Google Chrome and Mozilla Firefox work best when completing the UGRAD application. We do NOT recommend using a mobile phone or Internet Explorer.
- We encourage all applicants to request their transcripts from their institutions as soon as possible, as you will not be able to add additional information after the deadline. The deadline for submitting the on-line application **December 31, 2016 at 10:00 p.m. GMT.**
- A TOEFL test is not required at the time of application.
- Participants may not be able to transfer credits from their American host university to their home university in Morocco. The participants should be prepared that this may delay their graduation. The U.S. Embassy cannot guarantee credit transfer.
- Recommendation or reference letters - One reference has to be academic and written by a professor from the applicant's major field of study. A second reference may come from a non-academic aspect of the candidate's life and work (NGO people you have volunteered for; people you have worked with; coach of sporting team you have played on, etc.).

A complete on-line application package includes:

- **Application form;**
- Scanned copy of **passport bio page** (mandatory);
- Scanned copies of the **two latest university academic transcripts** (preferably in English or with official English translations, i.e. translation must be stamped by your institution's administration);
- Scanned copies of **two letters of recommendation** (preferably in English);

Any question can be sent to the following e-mail address rabatexchanges@state.gov

The Global UGRAD program is very competitive. Following assessment of applications, pre-selected candidates will be invited for an interview with the selection committee at the U.S. Embassy in Rabat. Finalists will be selected on the basis of academic excellence, English proficiency, leadership potential and commitment to civic engagement and community service. Final selection will be announced in March 2017.